

# Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment dated 4/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17-29, renumbered as 1-13.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/04/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**GUY LAMARRE**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Office Action is in response to the applicant's Amendment After Final, dated 4/8/2005.

The applicant has cancelled Claims 1-16 and 30-36.

Claims 17-29 are pending.

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The examiner has authorized entry of the applicant's amendment into the record.
2. The examiner, in the Final Rejection of 2/7/2005, had allowed Claims 17-29, and therefore in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-16 and 30-36, Claims 17-29 remains as being allowed.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 17-29 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reference art of Sugamori and Turnquist teach a method for testing an integrated circuit with analog nodes and test logic based on a circuit comprising; a memory for storing, and circuit for selecting a test node, a means of obtaining the test value result, means to retrieve a comparison value to compare to the test value, applied to a comparator, in the circuit. However, the prior arts of record taken alone, or in combination failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention or the method steps of the application. Specifically, as per Claim 17, the prior arts failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the limitation introduced into these

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claims, namely: the comparator performs comparisons for plural analog nodes.

Consequently, Claim 17 is allowed over the prior arts of record. Claims 18-29 are directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 17, and therefore are also allowable over the prior arts of record. Therefore claims, 17-29 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Trimmings whose telephone number is (571) 272-3830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

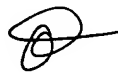
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